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Mr. Louis P. Lochner

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Dear Louis:

I must apologize for the delay in answering your letter of May 30, 1952, concerning the KRYHA Cipher Machine; however, since this Agency has no direct interest in cryptographic matters, it was necessary to contact appropriate Governmental agencies here in order to determine which of these agencies would have an interest in this matter.

I have, therefore, made the necessary arrangements for Mr. von Kryha to contact, if he so desires, [redacted]

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[redacted] will arrange for any further meetings with other U.S. Government officials considered necessary.

Your interest in bringing Mr. von Kryha to our attention is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Acting Director

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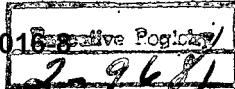
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LOUIS P. LOCHNER

[Redacted]  
May 30, 1952

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Allen:

When I wrote the enclosed letter, I hadn't the faintest idea that my friend Jack Lovell was missing in action. He and I had seen eye to eye when he was on Col. Hohenthal's staff in Berlin, and during our internment at Bad Nauheim we had worked up quite a document on the Germans as we saw them.

Meanwhile I happened to run across your name in connection with the Central Intelligence Agency. I had quite forgotten that you are heading up that outfit.

So may I spare myself the trouble of re-writing what is contained in the letter to Jack -- I haven't the luxury, as a retired pensioner, of a secretary -- and ask you to write me whether you want Mr. von Kryha to contact you or your Agency when he arrives here on July? I expect by then to be in Germany gathering material for another book, hence cannot make the introductions myself.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS P. LOCHNER

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May 13, 1952

Col. J.R. Lovell,  
Pentagon, Washington.

My dear Jack:

"Long time no see." I am even wondering whether this will reach you in Washington. You may be off somewhere out in the world doing the efficient job you always do. Also, I don't know what your rank now is. If meanwhile you've become a general, forgive me if I have "demoted" you -- at least I didn't mean to "break" you.

The purpose of my writing you is the following: for years before World War II I knew an Ukrainian inventor (anti-communist, of course) who lived in Berlin and had developed a remarkable coding and de-coding machine of which many eminent professors of mathematics said that it was simply impossible for the enemy to decode anything.

The man, Alexander von Kryha, has survived the war and has set up again in business in Hamburg-Altona (address: Hohenzollernring 86). He is just <sup>now</sup> on a trip through South America, where he is evidently making good progress convincing military outfits there that his machine is the real McCoy. In July he will arrive in New York.

Naturally he wishes to see the proper persons in Washington. I have an excellent prospectus of his machine in German, and one in English that is somewhat faultily translated from the German. I am not enclosing these documents with this letter because I want first to make sure that this reaches you.

You know me well enough to realize that I would not dream of trying to establish a contact with a "phony." This man's machine is already being used by a number of governments both for military and diplomatic interchange of messages.

So please let me know that this reaches you, and if you feel you don't want to have anything to do with the man until after you've seen the prospectus, I'll send it pronto. Or, if you prefer, I'll send it to the officer or department you designate.

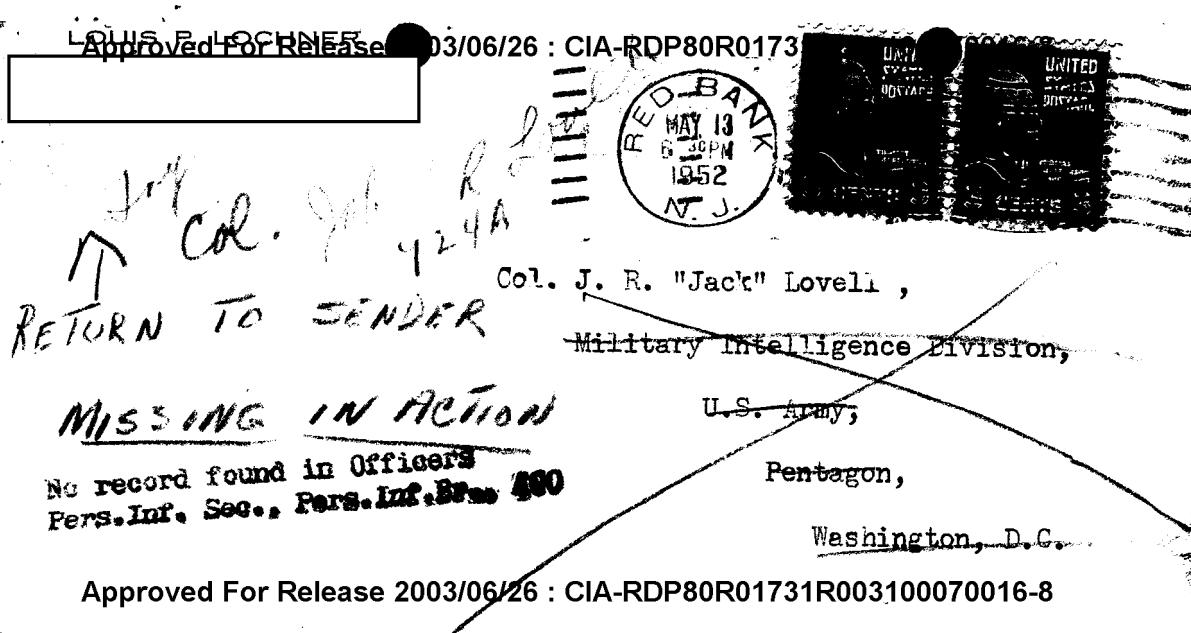
As you see, Mrs. L. and I have moved out into the suburbs, and are we happy! We go to New York only if we have to. I reached the retiring age of 65 last February. Rosemarie continues to live in New York with her husband, but they come here into this beautiful garden region about every other Sunday.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely your old friend,

P.S. I have just discovered that I have TWO copies of the English-language prospectus and am enclosing one herewith.

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